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ANDREIS) (CHUKANOV, VIKTOR)

SUBJECT: SOVIET EMBASSY PROTEST ABOUT ALLEGED INTELLI-
GENCE RECRUITMENT EFFORT

1. APRIL 29 SOVIET EMBASSY PROTESTED ALLEGED INTELLI-
GENCE RECRUITMENT EFFORT DIRECTED AT SOVIET GRADUATE
STUDENT EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT ANDREIS LUSIS AT CORNELL.

2. FULL TEXT OF SOVIET ORAL STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 28, 1977, AT THE
APARTMENT OF ANDREIS LUSIS, AN EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM THE
SOVIET UNION AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, NEW YORK,
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THERE APPEARED TWO UNKNOWN PERSONS, WHO DID NOT IDENTIFY
THEMSELVES BY NAME, BUT CLAIMED FIRST TO BE REPRESENTA-
TIVES OF IREX, AND THEN OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
AFTER REFERRING TO THE FACT THAT AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, A
CERTAIN MARIAN GESHI, HAD BROUGHT--TOTALLY ABSURD AND
GROUNDLESS--CHARGES AGAINST HIM AND ANOTHER SOVIET
EXCHANGE STUDENT, V. CHUKANOV FOR HAVING SUPPOSEDLY PUT

A NARCOTIC IN HER DRINK DURING LUSIS'S STAY IN BOSTON
ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, THESE PERSONS OFFERED LUSIS "TO
SWEEP THE MATTER UNDER THE RUG" IF HE AGREED TO
COOPERATE WITH THE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

OTHERWISE, THEY THREATENED, M. GESHI WOULD FILE A SUIT
AGAINST LUSIS AND HE WOULD BE ARRESTED.

THE EMBASSY LODGES A VERY STRONG PROTEST WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE REGARDING THIS OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO
RECRUIT A SOVIET CITIZEN INTO THE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE, AND DEMANDS THAT SOVIET SCIENTISTS WHO ARE IN
THE U.S. UNDER THE AGREEMENT ON CULTURAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES BE PROTECTED FROM SIMILAR PROVO-
CATIONS AND ACTIONS BY US OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES. END
QUOTE.
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